

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2458

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla

February 21, 2014

An act to add Article 4 (commencing with Section 128310) to Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to medical care, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2458, as introduced, Bonilla. Medical residency training program grants.

Existing law, the Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act, provides for specified training programs for certain health care workers, including family physicians, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician's assistants.

This bill would establish the Graduate Medical Education Fund, to be used to administer and fund grants to graduate medical education residency programs located in California hospitals or teaching health centers, as specified. The bill would appropriate an unspecified amount of money from the General Fund in the 2014–15 fiscal year for this purpose and \$2,840,000 per year for 3 years, commencing with the 2014–15 fiscal year, from the California Health Data and Planning Fund for this purpose.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 4 (commencing with Section 128310) is
2 added to Chapter 4 of Part 3 of Division 107 of the Health and
3 Safety Code, to read:

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5 Article 4. Medical Residency Training Program Grants
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7 128310. (a) The Graduate Medical Education Fund is hereby
8 established in the State Treasury.

9 (b) Moneys in the fund shall, upon appropriation by the
10 Legislature, be used solely for the purpose of administering and
11 funding grants to graduate medical education residency programs
12 located in California hospitals or teaching health centers.

13 (c) (1) Notwithstanding Section 16305.7 of the Government
14 Code, all interest earned on the moneys that have been deposited
15 into the fund shall be retained in the fund and used for purposes
16 consistent with the fund.

17 (2) One-time, ongoing, or administrative costs incurred or
18 generated by the implementation of this article, including those
19 that might be incurred by the Office of Statewide Health Planning
20 and Development (OSHPD), shall come directly from the Graduate
21 Medical Education Fund.

22 (d) The fund shall consist of both of the following:

23 (1) All assessments, transfers, and appropriations received
24 pursuant to Section 128311.

25 (2) Interest that accrues on amounts in the fund.

26 (e) OSHPD, in consultation with the California Healthcare
27 Workforce Policy Commission, shall develop criteria for
28 distribution of available moneys in the fund.

29 (f) Moneys appropriated from the fund shall be used to fund
30 new graduate medical education residency positions.

31 (g) Whenever applicable, OSHPD shall utilize moneys
32 appropriated from the fund to provide a match for available federal
33 funds for graduate medical education.

34 (h) For purposes of this article, the following definitions shall
35 apply:

36 (1) "Commission" means the California Healthcare Workforce
37 Policy Commission, established pursuant to Section 128215.

1 (2) “OSHPD” means the Office of Statewide Health Planning
2 and Development.

3 (3) “Primary care physician” means an allopathic or osteopathic
4 physician who has the responsibility for providing initial and
5 primary care to patients, maintaining the continuity of patient care,
6 and initiating referral for specialist care. A primary care physician
7 shall be either a physician who has limited his or her practice of
8 medicine to general practice or who is a board-certified or
9 board-eligible internist, pediatrician, obstetrician-gynecologist, or
10 family practitioner.

11 128311. (a) In the 2014–15 fiscal year, the sum of ____ dollars
12 (\$____) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the
13 Graduate Medical Education Fund established in Section 128310.

14 (b) Commencing with the 2014–15 fiscal year, the sum of two
15 million eight hundred forty thousand dollars (\$2,840,000) per year
16 for three years is hereby appropriated from the California Health
17 Data and Planning Fund into the Graduate Medical Education Fund
18 established in Section 128310.

19 128312. Funding of this article shall not affect the existing
20 funding for the Song-Brown Health Care Workforce Training Act
21 (Article 1 (commencing with Section 128200)) for family medicine
22 residency or physician assistant, family nurse practitioner, and
23 registered nurse training programs.